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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The seventieth semi-annual conferonce of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence on Friday, October 5, at 10 c. m. in the Tabernacle in this city.

LORENZO SNOW, GEORGE Q. CANNON, JOSEPH F. SMITH, First Presidency.

FAST DAY.

Inasmuch as one of the sessions of our forthcoming General Conference will be held on Sunday, the 6th prox., which is our general fast day, the next fast day services will be held on the last Sunday of the present month instead of the first Sunday of next month,

LORENZO SNOW. A GENEROUS PROPOSITION.

The offer made by an enterprising citizen of Salt Lake-Mr. A. W. Mc Cune-to join other men of means in the purchase of a site for depot grounds, to secure the terminus of the newly projected railroad from Los Angeles in this city, is a proposition which, if adopted, would solve the problem now confronting the people /here, ef-

We all want the railroad. There can be no doubt about that. The request of the capitalists engaged in the enterprise, for depot grounds and franchises, appears to be reasonable. If Utah is to enjoy the benefits of the road, Utah will naturally be expected to do something towards making it successful. Money is not demanded. The option of taking a small pecuniary interes in the road is offered, but the investment is not required. That which is asked it seems can be granted, and it ought to be considered in a favorable

The Descret News has set forth the obstacle in the way of giving Pioneer Park to this company, not for the purpose of throwing even a pebble in the path of the gentlemen who are pushing this project, but that they may understand the situation, and that measures may be taken that are feasible and capable of accomplishment, to effect the chief end in view,

fer of Mr. McCune, and settle the quesfranchise proposition will have to be determined later and in an official way. We say again, clear the way for the road to Los Angeles!

A STEP TOWARD ANARCHISM.

"Direct legislation does not make it necessary for the people to vote on every measure that may come before a The miraculous preservation of t legislature. It merely gives them the

The foregoing paragraph is from The New Era, and has been sent to us by a in the time of Moses and of the first correspondent, who seems to think it a ple could pass it for themselves; and if he to them an ever abilding testimony, it passed any laws the people did not and a subject of thanksgiving.

want, they could veto those faws." Just so. Well, what would be the use of a legislature at all? Why not abolish it altogether? Why not let the people do all the legislative work at once.

And the question arises in this con- For some time it appeared as if the troops. competent to aid in the selection of It is probable that Russia at present

easures for the general welfare? All the people, of course, would have rotes on legislative propositions. The educated and the ignorant, the properthe populace, unfitted for the task of either framing, or amending, or decidposperity and peace of the State

Just think of the number of elections bat would be held, the constant agitaon that would be kept up, the feeling of insecurity that would prevail, the delay in the operation of laws that would would attend all matters of legislation, if such a system or rather lack of system should be introduced! We bear a great deal nowadays

about "imperialism." This scheme sould bring in its antipodes. It would e as great an extreme as the despotism gleal ultimate, it would introduce a much more terrible evil. Mob rule is a fercer horror than the implacable sway of empire. Monarchism is far better than anarchism.

The golden mean between the two xiremes is the safe and better way. legislature in each State chosen by re popular voice, is the model lawnaking power. And the restricted veto in the hands of the executive, is far superior in its general effects than it would be If turned over to the easily xeited populace, to render void at will he carefully constructed and thorough. y debated work of legislators, selected or their special qualifications to perform it in the public interest.

The more this subject is dispassion. tely examined, the clearer does it aper that to introduce into our State onstitution something so out of harnony with our national and local sysem of government as the "Initiative and Referendum," would be an act of tupreme folly, which would lower Utah n the estimation of the thinking people of our country, and in the eyes of the premost nations of the earth.

ELDERS AT GALVESTON SAFE.

The history of the terrible disaster that evertook Galveston, Texas, a few lays age, would be incomplete without Mormon" Elders who labored as misflood which brought death and destructhere were four Elders in the city, viz: right hand, and thousands more on Perto Rico? their left.

flood came.

livine Providence. When morning ernment. broke and the desolation wrought stood forth in all its awe-inspiring details, it was found that the house in which the Elders were, was the only one in that entire neighborhood that had es- parent indication that it will be such

caped damage. It seems these missionaries were, durng the entire night of horror, unconsclous of the extent of the visitation. Elder Norton in his letter to the "News" We believe there is public spirit says part of the night they siept, enough in this city to take up the of. | though the water was surging and the wind raging all around them. When tion of depot grounds at once. The in the morning they went out to see what damage had been done, they were disaster. They saw corpses everywhere. Men, women and children had cedents. met death either by drowning or under the falling houses. There was no difference now between rich and poor,

The miraculous preservation of the power to vote on any measure if they want to. Under direct legislation, as had been given shelter that night, must There were more strikers out today want to. Under direct legislation, as would go on as usual. But if the legis. Inture failed to pass a law the people wanted, the people could pass it for themselves; and if it passed any laws the people did not want, they could yet on those laws. Thus the people would be the power in government, and the legis. If they were written they would form the power in government, and the legis. If they were written they would form the power in government, and the legis. It has a fact that would set matters right would be a great boon to the country now.

That Colorado Indian scare is not liable to amount to much. A few unruly sevages will be brought to time quickly their will." a volume of peculiar interest. To the that God is the same today as He was

strong argument in favor of the plan it names have been given above, will be advocates. We are of the opinion that glad to learn of their wonderful es-It is only necessary to read the proposition carefully, to condemn it in the seythe around them, and of their safe them to secure a permanent water supminds of rational and conservative peo. arrival at Houston, which they reached ply for irrigation. Those Indians can ple. One sentence is sufficient for that by boat. The memory of their ex- be fed, and be enabled to feed thempurpose: "If the legislature falled to perions will probably never entirely pass a law the people wanted, the peo- fade away from their minds. It should

IN CHINA.

The Chinese situation is about as perstion to the United States. After and have done with it? Why go the impression prevails that nothing would be no surprise to find the Cubans mysterious as ever. In Washington trying independence for a while, it through all the trouble and expense of further can be done, until the govern- asking for a change. electing a legislative body, and paying ment has been re-established at Pekin, for its services, when the people could but in Berlin circles it is believed that what would be the massless themselves? but in Berlin circles it is believed the business themselves? the arrival of Count von Waldersee hope of successfully resisting by force What would be the use of giving au. the arrival of Count von Wantstar to a lot of arms the allied powers, but it is not the the start to a lot of the arrival of the beginning of new develthority to a lot of lawmakers to enact statutes which the negotiations as to who is clear that they are convinced of the statutes, which the people who elect to be accepted as the representative of furility of such resistance when some

nection, who would be "the people" that United States had a leading position would pass laws which a carefully se- among the "allies" as to the Chinese lected legislature considered unneces-policy, but at present it seems that Orden Standard is sick, suffering from sary or unwise, and who would veto such each of the great European governmeasures as displeased the populace? each of the great European govern.

Who but the retailed the populace? ments is pursuing its own aims, al-Who but the untrained masses, the mul. though keeping up to some extent the temporary, and now understand what demagogues, whose vigor is more physis outcome will be, even the boldest hope the chill will soon pass and the cal than intellectual, and who, while statesmen would besitate to predict.

utterly incompetent to pass on public three different directions in the vast Asiatic continent. It is trying to establish itself in Turkestan, in Persia, and in northern China. But in order to ty owner and the lodger, the taxpayer Europe. For Russia now to pass and the mendicant. But the fate of the through a great crists would perhaps mmunity would be in the hands of Involve the loss of much of the advance Any policy for a peaceful settlement of the Chinese trouble would ing upon enactments involving the therefore now be accepted by Russia, but it would not prevent the country from pursuing its own special policy, Which embraces the complete Russianizing of Manchuria and as much more of Chinese territory as possible. It is this policy that is the source of danger, be occasioned, the uncertainty that as it may cause a clash of interests, but no doubt Russian diplomacy will be exerted to avoid war as long as possi-

The arrival of Count Waldersee in China, which is expected to take place in a few days, will be an event of universal interest. A great deal will debe dreaded. Indeed, if carried to its pend on the instructions he has received. In his position as commanderin-chief of the military forces, and with his long experience as a diplomat, he will undoubtedly exercise much influence for good or for evil upon the course of negotiations about the settlement of the Chinese trouble.

HALITERACY IN PORTO RICO.

Census figures giving the literary status of Porto Rico show that the entire number of men of voting age in the island amounts to 201,071, of whom 120,295 are whites born in Porto Rico, 7.766 are whites born in Spain and other countries and 73,010 are colored, Of the white natives only 35,397, or 29 per cent are able to read, and of the colored, only 12,576, or 17.2 per cent. By making literacy a qualification for voting the franchise would be confined to about 24 per cent of the male popula-

For the sake of comparison it is stated that Louisiana, which, according to the census of 1890, had about the poorest record in the United States, showed 542 per cent literates of its entire population, or more than double the percentage of the male population of voting age in Porto Rico.

The literacy situation in this island, for centuries one of the most favored possessions of Spain, should not be brief note of the experience of some | forgotten in the discussion as to whether the Filipinos, under Spanish rule, sionaries in that city at the time of the are likely to have attained an education fitting them for self-government. tion to so many souls. According to The Philippine Islands, unlike Porto a letter received at the "News" office, Rico, are inhabited by a medley of tribes, and races, who cannot under-Peter A. Norton, of Pima, Ariz.; Horace | stand the language of one another, and L. Johnson, of Thatcher, Ariz.; Samuel | Who have different customs, laws, and Shaw, of North Ogden, Utah, and He. Interests. Is it probable that Spanish er N. Folkman, of Plain City, Utah, rule has had educational results among and they all were preserved as by a these various tribes, different from and miracle, while thousands fell on the more excellent than those attained in

Without any partisan consideration These Elders had been laboring in whatever, it will be very generally ad-Galveston for the past three months mitted that self-government presupand a half. It seems, however, that poses a certain degree of education, a their testimony had been rejected, and certain amount of knowledge which they were about to leave, when the can be gathered in no other way than by access to the literature of the day, On the fatal night they were stop. in which every phase of public quesing with a family named Daniels. As | tions is set forth and discussed. When the water rose and reached the house, the masses of any people are dependent these good people fled panic-stricken to on public speakers alone for their inhigher ground, leaving the Elders alone | formation, as is the case with Russlans, in the house. These went upstairs and Turks and Chinese, they are but poorly commended themselves to the care of equipped for an American form of gov-

One of the great coal mine operators in Pennsylvania says the miners' strike will last only a week. There is no apa weak affair.

Butte, Montana, takes the prize thus far for increase in population, the number of inhabitants there this year being nearly three times as great as in

Mexican liberallty should not go unnoticed in this country. The Mexican congress proposes to contribute \$30,000 astonished to learn the extent of the to the ald of the Galveston sufferersa governmental act that has few pre-

Among the western cities whose gain in population has been small the white and black. Death had placed Sacramento. The increase is a little past ten years is the California capital, over ten per cent, or not much more than half that of Salt Lake City.

long as the legislature passed the laws the people wanted and did not pass any they did not want, everything would go on as usual. But if the legis. In their message. And there are many men and their families. An arbitration lature failed to mass a law the reach.

savages will be brought to time quickly if the stockmen in the vicinity will observe the law and allow the government officers to deal with the Utes whose actions are complained of.

The government is doing a most comselves, with advantage to the government's Indian policy.

When "straws" are taken to indicate the direction of the wind, it will be well to observe the drift of opinion among the white people of Cuba towards an-

them could pass themselves, and which | to be accepted as the representative | of the powers withdraw. There is room they could not in the meantime | of the powers withdraw. they could veto if the measures passed china continue, and in the measures of the powers seem in a hurry to for fighting yet in China, judging by latest news of the movement of Chinese

fever will not return.

would indicate that the Boer cause is about run down. With the railway gone, the source of Boer supplies is closed, and the war must soon cease so succeed, it needs first of all peace with far as extensive operations are con-

> It is said that in the call for parliament the English liberals have not been given time to make their nominations, while, by virtue of having knowledge of the inner workings, the unionists or conservatives have been able to get theirs ready, and consequently will have them elected unopposed. From this it would seem that American politics has not a monopoly on everything like unfair play.

That awful day nursery affair in Cincinnati must send a thrill of horror through parents' hearts. Yet the necessity of putting their children in the care of such institutions while the parents go out to daily toil rests upon many people in different parts of the coun try, so that the bereaved hardly can be charged with neglect. Besides, the fire seems to have been an accident to which even children at home are liable.

Denmark is known as the land of butter-makers, and last year Great Britain imported from that country \$44,000,000 worth of butter. Yet during the same time Denmark imported from the United States 35,000,000 pounds of oleo oil, with which to make oleomargarine. Of course, Danish butter brings about double the price of olemargarine, so that when the Danishman sells his butter and eats the substitute he makes just half the price of his butter for profit, over what he would have if he

According to the Buffalo Times the Jamestown board of education has introduced an optional course of instruction in the Swedish language in the high school of that city. The course is recommended on the ground that that city has a very large population of Swedish extraction. Some years ago a proposition was made to establish a chair in Danish language and literature in the Berkeley University, Cal., and Dr. Brandes was talked of to conduct that study, but the plan did not materialize. It cannot be denied, though, that the study of the Scandinavian languages has both a practical and educa. tional value.

A Chicago exchange gives the following advice that might be of use to some people who reside farther West: "How to quit the drink habit? It can't be done by swearing off for a month or a year, or by 'tapering off' on smaller and less frequent indulgences. It must be cut off resolutely once and forover, with no thought that in a month or six months it may be taken up moderately. That will only prove to be a torture, and after it has been suffered one is no farther along than he was be fore. Chop it off short, the way a mad don's tail should be cut, just back of the ears, and when friends want you to 'smile,' shake your head and make it a dry smile. To swear off with a set time for resuming is torture that no one should inflict upon himself."

COMMENT ON CHINA.

Los Angeles Express. It is stated that the Chinese in the interior still believe that the foreigners have all been driven from the empire, and that the allied armies have be annihiliated. The empress is said be in constant receipt of messages co gratulating her on the success of t imperial troops, and that only the re-turn of the foreigners and the punishment of those guilty of outrages wi said that the utmost harmony prevails among the troops at Pekin, and that there is no danger of any trouble among them. Outrages have practiceased, and the condition of the country continues to improve.

Boston Transcript. General Chaffee, who, as the man on he ground, is able to form an expert adows, appears to incline to the bean understanding Pekin must be occu pied as a military camp while negotia ons with China are proceeding. This Li Hung Chang should break down in his attempt to patch up some sor f arrangement with the powers, the Pekin, might be compelled to march back to it again. A capital in the hand sometimes worth two treaties in the

Sacramento Bee. Russia is distinctly ahead on one oint in China. The confiscation of 000,000 tacks on deposit by the Chinese

government in a Russian bank at Pe-kin is quite natural under the circumstances. Natural also is the closing of the bank in Pekin and its removal to Shanghai. Were the bank to remain in Pekin and the Chinese officials to all for their money after the with irawal of the foreign troops, the situ on would be exceedingly awkward fo officers of the institution. will be some gnashing of teeth among the Mandarins over the fallure to ex-ploit those 5,000,000 taels for themselves.

New York Evening Post. Recent letters to the London Tim com Pekin affirm that the attacks up ne foreign legations were ordered the Dowager Empress, and organized b high government officials, who were ap-pointed by imperial decree to reduce the legations by fire, sword, and famine his is the gravest accusation that can brought against a government, that It has made a wanton and murdero attack on ambassadors, whose perso have been held sacred ever since man-kind began to have a written history. Of course, these charges will be investi-gated in due time, but in the meanwhile the question will be asked, why did the attack fall? The force opposed to the attack fail? The force opposed to the egationers was overwhelming. If not reduced by arms, they could have been starved to death; yet Mr. Conger said in one of his dispatches that provisions were supplied to them by the Tsung-Li-Yamen. How is this mystery to be explained? Why was the Chinese government striking at the legations with one loand and feeding them with the other? and and feeding them with the other

New York Mail and Express. It is to the real interest of China that negotiations be hastened, and that they be conducted while the powers are teting in harmony, rather than that hey be deferred, until the concert has seen broken and the separate nations and appartually to pursue sees. and opportunity to pursue separate re-enges. It will be a hopeful indication. Li's faitial propositions show that is government is awake to its own owerlessness. If they are as stupidly titude whose passions can be swayed by appearance of concert. What the final has caused its recent aberrations. We government, it will be an evil day for covernment, it will be an evil day for China.

brainy and experienced citizens in their is sincerely interested in maintaining out in taken in fifty more locomotives. This able to the policy of retiring to Tien o'clock. Milwaukee Wisconsin.

in progress between the imperial go ernment represented by Li Hung Cha and the representative of the allies retirement would suggest to the Ch nese the complete evacuation tha would follow the settlement of the present difficulties in a manner entir ly satisfactory to the combined power and thus incline the Chinese to gie without further delay.

San Francisco Chronicle.

No additional internal revenue can be let off until she produces some secur for the payment of her debt, out than the promises of the viceroys "remit." No creditor will lend a doll on the faith of such pr arrangements make other than absolutely turn lection of internal taxes, as they n tain that this will have to be done re China can borrow any money, an t is also morally certain that who cointed, there must be foreign soldi to back them up. And yet the diplo-mats talk gravely of maintaining the "integrity" of China. Of all humbugs which the world has ever umbug of "diplomacy" is the biggest,

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The October number of Pearson's Is, as usually, full of interesting reading, artistically illustrated. The frontispiece is a picture of "Between Decks on a Slaver," and the first article is "The American Slave," by James S. Metcalfe. Then comes this list of contents: "Driving in Russia," illustrated with photo graphs, Turner Morton; "The Last Cariridge," a story, illustrated by Staney L. Wood, James Workman; "Indigo Planting in India," illustrated with photographs, M. N. MacDonald; "The Capture of Molly Maguire," a story, Seumas MacManus; "Apples," illustrated by Carl Pehl, Theodore Dreiser; Bal Masque," a story, illustrated by bas. Pears, Nellie K. Blissett; "The Sheik Mohammed," a story, illustrated by Warwick Goble, David Beddoe; shotographs, Datch," a novel, H. Rive Fals of the Dutch," a novel, H. Rive Haggard; "The Art of the Age;" "The Haggard; "The Secret Service Fund. action of Students," Arthur Hen Love in a Mask," a story, illustrate Steam Hotel," Cutcliffe Hyne; dd, Louis Robinson, M.D.; "trified Forest of Arizona," Clif Waldon Fawcett; y Machinery," illustrated with photo-raphs, R. P. Lambert; "From China o Peru," illustrated by Seymour Na-lon, W. L. Alden,—The Pearson Pubshing Co., New York.

Cram's Magazine for September has veral notable features, among which "Minette," a tale of the Crusaders ina receives due attention, as do amber of other topics of the day. The lagazine claims to be entirely non artisan, giving both sides with equa airness and impartiality. The cover as an excellent portrait of Major Lei lassieur, the commander A. R .-- 61-63 Plymouth Place,

The National Magazine for Septemer is an interesting number of this opular magazine, containing a great ariety of reading matter, profusel National is deservedly growing in pub-lic favor.—Potter Co., Boston, Mass.

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